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EYES ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, US  
SUBJ: GHORBAL AND BNAI BRITH

1. I SPOKE TO SADAT TODAY ABOUT THE BNAI BRITH INVITATION TO GHORBAL. SADAT RECALLED HE HAD AURHORIZED GHORBAL TO ATTEND A TEA PARTY AT ONE OF THE EMBASSIES TO ACCEPT THE BNAI BRITH AWARD. THIS SEEMED TO BE A NEW FORMAT. HAD BNAI BRITH CHECKED WITH GHORBAL BEFORE SENDING OUT INVITATIONS WITH HIS NAME ON IT? I SAID I DID NOT KNOW, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE VERY FINE PUBLIC IMAGE WHICH EGYPT HAD DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH HIS VISIT AND THROUGH GHORBAL'S COURAGEOUS ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOSTAGES OUGHT TO BE PRESERVED. I URGED THAT GHORBAL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND, SINCE AS A FRIEND I HAD TO TELL HIM THAT REFUSAL WOULD HURT THAT POSITIVE PUBLIC IMAGE.

2. SADAT SAID THAT HE APPRECIATES THE PUBLIC IMAGE ASPECTS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME HAS TO BE AWARE OF THE LIKELY REACTION IN THE ARAB WORLD TO BE ATTENDANCE OF THE EGYPTIAN AMB AT A FORMAL BNAI BRITH FUNCTION. HE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS IT WITH FAHMY BEFORE GIVING A REPLY AND HE ASKED IF I HAD TALKED TO FAHMY ABOUT IT.

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3. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD SEEN FAHMY YESTERDAY, BUT HAD FORGOTTEN TO MENTION THE MATTER TO HIM. IN ANY CASE, I UNDERSTOOD THAT HE, THE PRESIDENT, HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH GHORBAL AND AUTHORIZED THE LATTER'S ATTENDANCE AT A TEA. SADAT AGREED THAT HE HAD, BUT STILL INSISTED HE HAS TO TALK TO FAHMY ABOUT IT AND GET THE LATTER'S VIEWS. HE

ASKED THAT I RAISE IT WITH FAHMY, WHICH I WILL TRY TO DO  
TOMORROW.

4. COMMENT: I DELIBERATELY DID NOT RAISE THE MATTER WITH  
FAHMY YESTERDAY SINCE HIS REACTION WAS CERTAIN TO BE NEGATIVE,  
BOTH BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE INVOLVED AND BECAUSE OF HIS DISLIKE  
FOR GHORBAL. I HOPED THAT PERHAPS SADAT MIGHT SIMPLY GIVE THE  
GREEN LIGHT, BUT WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT WANT TO CONSULT WITH  
FAHMY. IF FAHMY IS TO BE GOVERNING VOICE IN THIS MATTER, THE  
ANSWER IS LIKELY TO BE NEGATIVE. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN  
WITH FAHMY, BUT AM NOT OPTIMISTIC.  
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